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SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—"தென்னாற்காடு ஜில்லாவில் மட்டும் செலவினம் அதிகரித்திருப்பதற்குக் காரணம் என்ன ? அங்குதான் அதிகமான மாஜிஸ்ட்ரேட்டுகள் பழிவாங்கப்பட்டார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

Illicit cutting of trees.

* 42 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state the number of cases of illicit cutting of trees detected in the present Madras State during 1952–53 and the amount of compensation for fine realized on this during 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The information is not available with the Government. To make reference to each district will involve much labour and great delay. But I may, however, inform the hon. Member that the Government are formulating necessary steps to better safeguard avenue trees."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know whether there is any change in the seigniorage charge? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I cannot say anything about the seigniorage charge while answering this question. A separate question may be put. Sir."

Extension of the supply of electricity in South Arcot district.

* 43 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the amount spent on the extension of electric supply in the South Arcot district during 1952–53 by the Government?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Electricity extension schemes are not investigated and executed on a district basis, but with reference to availability of supplies of power for distribution in the areas concerned, facilities for distribution and availability of funds. Execution is in order of priority of sanction of schemes. Expenditure from district to district, and from year to year in the same district, will therefore vary. Most of the taluks in the South Arcot district are served by the licensee, the South Arcot Electricity Distribution Company, Limited and it has spent Rs. 5 lakhs during 1952–53 on rural electrification in the district. In addition, in respect of areas in the district coming under the jurisdiction of the Government Electricity Department, a sum of Rs. 11,209 was spent by the Government during 1952–53."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" In Poyyappakkam, though the main line is running within a distance of 2 furlongs, may I know why the licensee or Government have not come forward to extend electricity to that place? "